Annual Report

on the

Health

of the

Borough of Tenterden

in

1896.

Census 1881		Census 1891	
No. of Acres	8,490	No. of Acres	8,490
Inhabited Houses	718	Inhabited Houses	709
Population	3,620	Population	3,429

The Population of the Borough of Tenterden showed a decrease of 191 from the Census of 1881 to that of 1891. Following the method adopted by the Registrar-General, which assumes that this decrease has been maintained in like proportion since 1891, the population at the middle of 1896 was 3,332.

The number of births recorded was 96, including 46 of males and 50 of females, and giving a Birth-rate of 28·8 per 1,000, as against 25·6 in 1895 and 29·7 in 1894.

Fifty-three deaths were registered, consisting of 26 of males and 27 of females.

The Death-rate was 13·5 per 1,000. Only four persons died from any of the seven principal zymotic diseases, viz, one from Diphtheria, two from Measles, and one from Diarrhœa.

The Zymotic Death-rate was 1·2 as compared with 2·0 in 1895 and 0·3 in 1894.

A very low Infant death-rate again prevailed, the deaths of infants under one year per 1,000 total births being only 83.

During the year 1896 the birth-rate throughout England and Wales was 29·7, the general death-rate 17·1, and the Zymotic death-rate 2·18 per 1,000 of the population. The rate of mortality among infants under one year of age to 1,000 registered births was 148.

Notifiable Diseases.

Under the provisions of the Infectious Disease Notification Act 11 cases were reported during the year, including one of Scarlet Fever, seven of Diptheria, one of Enteric Fever and two of Erysipelas.

Small Pox was entirely absent from the District.

Scarlet Fever. This case, which recovered, was that of a child, aged 5 years in the Ashford Road. The necessary precautions were taken, and the disease did not spread.

Diphtheria. Of the seven cases which occurred, one arose in March, one in April, 4 in June and one in July. One case proved fatal in April, the patient being a child aged 8 years. The four cases which occurred in June were among children belonging to one family at Small Hythe. The accommodation was very insufficient but a tent was provided by the Corporation and a Nurse by the Local Benefit Nursing Association. The successful isolation maintained by the medical man in attendance together with the kindly assistance of those living near brought all four cases to a satisfactory termination without any other persons contracting the disease.

Enteric Fever. One case only occurred which recovered. The drainage was found to be defective and the whole was relaid according to my recommendations.

Non-notifiable Diseases.

Measles. During the latter part of the year the disease was prevalent throughout the Borough more particularly among the younger children. Two cases ended in the death of the patients, one in November, and one in December both being young children aged 14 months and 4 years respectively.

The Infants' Department of the National School was closed from October 28th to December 24th, and the Mixed School and British School

from November 23rd to December 14th on account of the existence of this disease.

Diarrhœa. The only death, which occurred was that of a male aged 76 years, who died in the month of August.

Mr Skinner's Report, the customary tables of vital statistics, and the returns required by the Local Government Board are appended.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

James Scott Jew, M.D.

Feb. 15th 1897.

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Tenterden Urban Sanitary District.

Report of Work

for the year ending December 31st 1896.

The following Nuisances &c have been discovered and dealt with during the year.-

Foul accumulations	1
Sewer gas	4
Sewer obstructions	1
Foul drain	1
Foul house	1
Foul premises	1
Overcrowding	2
New drain supplied	2
Drains trapped	8
Dilapidated Cottages repaired	8
Drain repaired	1

(signed) Joseph Skinner,
Inspector of Nuisances,
Tenterden Urban District.